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FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE EXTENDS DEADLINES FOR FILING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS

CC DOCKET NO. 96-45

Comment Date: September 30, 2005

Reply Comment Date: October 31, 2005

On August 17, 2005, the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) sought comment on proposals to modify the Commission's rules relating to high-cost universal service support.¹ Pursuant the August 2005 Public Notice, comments were due September 16, 2005, and reply comments were due October 2, 2005. On September 8, 2005, Verizon filed a Motion for Extension of Time requesting that the due date for comments be extended to September 30, 2005, and the due date for reply comments be extended to October 31, 2005.² Verizon states that extending both due dates will better enable interested parties to analyze the proposals attached to the August 2005 Public Notice, as well as any new proposals forthcoming in comments.

In light of the complexity of the issues involved, the Joint Board grants a limited extension of the filing deadlines so that parties may file comments in this docket on or before September 30, 2005, and reply comments on or before October 31, 2005. Commenters should review the August 2005 Public Notice for the Commission's filing requirements.

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¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on Proposals to Modify the Commission's Rules Relating to High-Cost Universal Service Support*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 05J-1 (rel. August 17, 2005) (August 2005 Public Notice).

² *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on Proposals to Modify the Commission's Rules Relating to High-Cost Universal Service Support*, Motion for Extension of Time, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed by Verizon, September 8, 2005).